

To Whom It May Concern:

I am an XM subscriber who would like to see locally oriented satellite programming continue and expand. It allows me easy access to critical information from a service that I pay for. FM and AM broadcasting does not do as well delivering information that I need. The consumer market, not Congress, should decide the viability of local programming via satellite. Besides, the satellite audience is at this time limited, and does not represent a threat to traditional broadcasters. XM and Sirius, the underdogs here, should not be forced out of the market by the government.

Thanks,

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